

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original): A rock-climbing device comprising:

- A. a tube,
- B. a first carabiner,
- C. a second carabiner,
- D. a band,
- E. said tube further comprising:
 - 1. a shaft,
 - 2. a top, and
 - 3. a bottom
 - i. said top further comprising:
 - a. a first pair of notches arranged at opposite ends from each other,
- F. said band further comprising:
 - 1. a first end, and
 - 2. a second end,
- G. said band passing through said shaft such that the first end of the band emerges from the top of said tube and the second end of the band emerges from the bottom of said tube,
- H. said first carabiner fastened to said first end of the band,
- I. said second carabiner fastened to said second end of the band.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The rock-climbing device of claim 1 wherein:

- A. said top further comprises a second pair of notches arranged at opposite ends from each other, said second pair of notches being cut a depth greater than that of said first pair of notches.

Claim 3 (original): The rock-climbing device of claim 2 wherein:

A. said bottom further comprises a third pair of notches arranged at opposite ends from each other.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The rock-climbing device of claim 1 wherein:

A. at least one of said first or second carabiners further ~~comprising~~ comprises a lever wherein said lever is spring loaded to secure the lever.

Claim 5 (original): The rock-climbing device of claim 4 wherein:

A. said carabiner is made of aluminum.

Claim 6 (original): the rock-climbing device of claim 1 wherein:

A. said band is made of nylon.

Claim 7 (original): The rock-climbing device of claim 1 wherein:

A. said tube is made of PVC plastic.

Claim 8 (canceled):

Claim 9 (canceled):

Claim 10 (canceled):

Claim 11 (canceled):

Claim 12 (canceled):

Claim 13 (canceled):

Claim 14 (original): A method for making a rock-climbing device comprising the steps of:

- A. forming a rigid tube with a top and a bottom,
- B. creating a band with a first end and a second end made of a substantially taut material,
- C. forming said rigid tube with said top and said bottom further comprising the steps of:
 - 1. creating a shaft,
 - 2. cutting at least one first pair of notches into said top of said tube where said at least one first pair of notches are arranged at opposite ends from each other,
 - 3. cutting a second pair of notches into said top of said tube where said second pair of notches are arranged at opposite ends from each other,
- D. inserting said band through said shaft in said rigid tube such that the first end of the band emerges from the top of said rigid tube and the second end of the band emerges from the bottom of said rigid tube,
- E. fastening a first carabiner to said first end of said band,
- F. fastening a second carabiner to said second end of said band.

Claim 15 (currently amended): The method of claim 14 further comprising the step of:

- A. cutting said second pair of notches into said top of said tube at a depth greater than that of said at least one first pair of notches.

Claim 16 (original): The method of claim 14 further comprising the step of:

- A. cutting a third pair of notches into said bottom of said tube where said third pair of notches are arranged at opposite ends from each other.

Claim 17 (original): The method of claim 14 further comprising the step of:

- A. making the band out of nylon.

Claim 18 (original): The method of claim 14 further comprising the step of:

- A. making the rigid tube out of PVC plastic.

Claim 19 (original): The method of claim 14 further comprising the step of:

A. making said carabiners out of aluminum.

Claim 20 (new): The rock climbing device of claim 1 wherein:

A. said band is made of spectra.

Claim 21 (new): The method claim 14 further comprising the step of:

A. making the band out of spectra.